

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



HF 2388 – Foster Care Student Credit Transfer (LSB 6154HV.1)

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Fiscal Note Version – As amended and passed by the House

Description

House File 2388 as amended and passed by the House, encourages area education agencies (AEAs) to employ a child welfare liaison to provide services and guidance to school districts to assist in the enrollment transfer of students receiving foster care services.

Additionally, this Bill requires school districts to develop procedures for awarding credits while the foster care student is enrolled in another district and promote and develop procedures that will ease the transition of the student to the school district.

Assumptions

Assumptions include:

- Each of the nine AEAs has the option to employ a child welfare liaison.
- Average salary with benefits for one FTE position with a 190-day contract is \$86,000.
- The added staff will require annual training and development equivalent to an additional 10 contract days.
- Any added staff will require annual training and development equivalent to an additional 10 contract days.
- The Department of Education has indicated the need for an additional 0.30 FTE position to administer provisions of this Bill. If no additional resources are provided, it is assumed that any additional resources required will be absorbed through current funding levels.
- The Department of Human Services has indicated this Bill will not require additional resources to implement.
- In some cases, there may be additional costs to school districts as a result of implementing provisions in this Bill. However, those costs are currently unknown and may vary between school districts.
- This Bill specifies that any additional costs to school districts resulting from this proposal will be paid from State school aid.

Fiscal Impact

Any fiscal impact to the AEAs will be discretionary, based on whether the AEAs decide to employ a child welfare liaison. Any additional costs incurred by school districts will be funded through existing State school aid allocations. Additionally, the Department of Education will require \$30,500 each year for costs associated with 0.30 FTE position.

Sources

Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Department of Human Services
Iowa Association of School Boards
LSA analysis

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
